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SUBJECT: COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN SUDAN

1. SUNA REPORTS JAN 30 ARREST OF SIX COMMUNIST LEADERS
IN SUDAN, WHILE MEETING TO ORGANIZE GROUP WHICH WOULD BE SENT
FOR TRAINING TO A COMMUNIST CAPITAL. REPORTEDLY DOCUMENTS OF
QUOTE VITAL IMPORTANCE UNQUOTE WERE CAPTURED WHICH PROVIDE INFO
RE MEETINGS AND SECRET ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNISTS IN SUDAN.

2. THREE OF SIX COMMUNISTS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED.
THEY WERE AHMED KHALIL, YOUSIF HUSSAIN AND MOHED
(MOHAMMED?) MURAD. KHALIL DISAPPEARED IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING 1971 ABORTIVE COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW
NIMEIRI AND HAS BEEN AMONG MOST WANTED MEN SINCE THEN.
HUSSAIN AND MURAD WERE ARRESTED BY RELEASED FOLLOWING
1971 COUP ATTEMPT. HUSSAIN MAY BE SAME AS ORGANIZATION
SECRETARY AND NUMBER TWO MAN IN UNDERGROUND SUDAN
COMMUNIST PARTY. HE STUDIED GEOLOGY IN SOVIET UNION
BUT SINCE RETURNING TO SUDAN HAS WORKED FULL TIME FOR
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COMMUNIST PARTY. KHALIL WAS LAST REPORTED AS BEING
ACTIVE IN CPS IN AUGUST 1968. PRIOR TO THAT HE HAD
STUDIED IN SOVIET UNION AND WAS EMPLOYED BY BULGARIAN
EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD WHATSOEVER
ON MOHED MURAD.

3. IRONICALLY, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAD MADE REFERENCE

JAN 29 TO SUDAN'S KEEP DESIRE PROMOTE RELATIONS OF FRATERNITY AND SOLIDARITY WITH USSR FOR BENEFIT OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP, LIBERATION AND PROGRESS. THIS WAS DONE IN ROUTINE REMARKS THANKING HEADS OF VISITING DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING SOVIET FOR ATTENDING CURRENT SSU SECOND NATIONAL CONGRESS.

4. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, GOS HAS BEEN TAKING INCREASINGLY TOUGH LINE TOWARD COMMUNISTS SINCE LAST SUMMER. ARREST OF YOUSIF HUSSAIN SEEMS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND HIS MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY HIGHLY SECRET. THIS SUGGESTS GOS MAY HAVE PENETRATED DEEPLY INTO COMMUNIST PARTY OF SUDAN.
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